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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1-9, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

1. (Amended) A spectral ellipsometer comprising: a refractive illuminating optical system for an illuminating ray bundle, coming from an illumination unit, for generating a measurement spot on a surface of a specimen; and a detector unit that receives and detects, as a measured ray bundle, the light reflected from the surface at the location of the measurement spot, wherein the illuminating optical system is color-corrected.